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Opening a cement factory at Pudukkottai.

* 97 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the former Pudukkottai State Government had taken steps for the founding of a cement factory in the present Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district ; and

(*b*) whether the Madras State Government propose to pursue the matter?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) It is reported that proposals for the establishment of a cement factory in Pudukottai were considered by the then *durbar* but were dropped because the applicant did not pursue the scheme.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know the reasons as to why the Government do not propose to pursue the matter? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The present policy of the Government is not to start any cement factory themselves. If any individual comes forward, the Government will consider the matter, support him and give him some help. As at present, no individual has come forward to start a cement factory there. That is why I said that the Government can take no action in the matter."

Permission for goat-browsing in zamindari forests.

* 98 *Q.*—Sri P. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any special order in zamindari forests taken over by Government permitting goats to enter the forests for this year or for some months in the year ;

(*b*) if so, whether it is intended for all the forests taken over from zamindars or for some particular areas only ; and

(*c*) whether the orders have been sent by the department to all the subordinate officials?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Goat-browsing has been totally prohibited in the major estate forests which had been notified as reserved forests prior to December 1951. In the estate forests which had not been declared as reserved forests prior to December 1951, goat-browsing was permitted up to 1st April 1952. In certain other minor forests which are not proposed to be constituted into reserved forests, no restriction on goat-browsing is imposed.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."

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Sri P. Rama Rao :—" మేకలు అడవులలో మేయుటవల్ల లేత అడవులు పాడవవచ్చు, కాని ముదిరిన అడవులకు చెరుపు ఉండదు. కనుక మేకలు ఈ ముదురు అడవులలో మేయుట నిషేధించుట అవసరమా?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda :—" It has been recognized all over that goats are a great menace to forests. It has been the policy of this Government from 1913 onwards, i.e., for a period of almost 40 years, not to allow goat-browsing. It has been recognized by everybody that forests suffer a good lot because of these goats."

Sri G. Latchanna :—" For the benefit of the peasants who are having goats, is it not necessary to reserve some areas for the maintenance of their goats?"

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" All the avenue trees are available for the purpose." (Laughter.)

10-40 a.m. Janab M. S. Mogral :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the advisability of discontinuing the levy of grazing fees in Government forests?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri C. V. K. Rao :—" మేకలను, పశువులను అడవులలో మేయరాదంటే వాటికి గ్రాసము ఎట్లా లభ్యమవుతుంది? కాబట్టి అట్టి అవకాశాన్ని కలుగజేయడం మంచిదికాదా?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda :—" So far as cattle are concerned, there has been no restriction at all. Licences are issued very freely to owners of cattle for grazing in the nearest forest area available. But, so far as goats are concerned, in all the forests that have been under the control of the Madras Government, no goat-browsing has been allowed and no complaints have ever been received from these areas. It is only with regard to estate forests that this difficulty has arisen and, till about the 1st of April, goat-browsing, on a very small scale, was allowed in the forests that have not been reserved; these were only minor forests. As regards fodder, the hon. Member has asked where the goats should go. Sir, there are porambokes and lankas where browsing goes on even now."

Sri R. Siddanna Goud :—" ಈ ರೀತಿ ಆಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೇಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಡುವುದು ಸರಿಯೇನರಿ?"

The Hon. Dr. R. Nagan Gouda :—" I admit that allowing goat-browsing in forests is in a way bad. But as these are not reserved forests, a concession was made."

Sri G. Latchanna :—" Are the Government aware that, in the forests of the Mandasa Estate, the tenants are harassed—the local peasants are harassed—in the matter of issue of grazing licences and that their goats, cows and sheep are prevented from grazing even in the unreserved areas?"

Mr. Speaker :—" A separate question may be put."

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SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" మనుష్యులకు తిండి దొరకనట్లయితే వారు ఏదోవిధంగా సంపాదించుకోగలరు. కాని నోరులేని పశువులమాట ఏమిటి? అందువల్ల కొన్ని అడవులను పశువులమేతకు మినహాయిస్తారా అని మంత్రిగారిని అడుగుతున్నాను. వారు నాకు తెలుగులోనే సమాధానం ఇవ్వవలెననికోరుతున్నాను."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I take it that the hon. Member asks whether permission could be given in areas which are not demarcated as forests. In areas which have not been reserved or demarcated as forests, permission is now given. There is no difficulty at all there."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know for what purposes, the Government take over forests, at what rate compensation is given to those from whom they are taken over, and what is the income to the Government from these forests?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" ఫారెస్టు ఉద్యోగస్థులు లంచాలు ఇచ్చిన వారి మేకలను అడవులలో మేయనిస్తున్నారు. లంచాలకు బదులుగా పుల్లంకట్టుట ద్వారా మేకలను ఫారెస్టులలో మేయనిచ్చుటకు ప్రభుత్వం సమ్మతించకూడదా?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The Government require the co-operation and help of the members including the hon. Member in preventing goat-browsing in forest areas and also in preventing officials adopting illegal methods to circumvent the rules."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is the cutting of avenue trees legally permitted?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I think hon. Members of this House must help to stop this cutting of avenue trees also."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of forming District Advisory Committees to advise the Government on these matters?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The matter will be considered."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" In view of the importance of preserving vegetation in the country, will the Government consider the question of licensing of goats and shepherds who lead the goats into forests so that the depredation that is wrought by them to the vegetation in the country may be stopped?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Goats, I believe, are licensed in municipal areas."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అయిదవ గ్రేడు అడవులను రిజర్వు ఫారెస్టులనుంచి తొలగించి మేకలను మేపుకొనేవారికి సదుపాయం చేయగలరా?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The matter will be considered if the hon. Member gives details of the case."